ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note to Our Readers: Beginning with the current issue, *Feminist Studies* will publish as a regular feature a summary of future events and activities related to the current women's movement, both in the United States and internationally. Included will be notices of forthcoming conferences, demonstrations, workshops, meetings, and other events; announcements about the formation of new feminist groups (activist organizations, caucuses, professional or work-related groups, etc.) and publications; and calls for participation in or contributions to such work. Announcements should be submitted *no later than three months before* a scheduled event and should be limited to 200 words.

"The Second Sex—Thirty Years Later." A conference to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of *The Second Sex*, and focusing on the development of feminist theory since de Beauvoir's book was published, will be held in New York City on September 27-29, 1979. The conference invites individuals and groups to define what they believe to be the central theoretical question(s) for feminists today. For example: The existence of an independent feminine experience, history and culture; the extent to which existing technology, public life, and thought are "male"; the significance of the split between domestic and public life; consciousness raising and feminist modes of acting and knowing; the consequences of compulsory heterosexuality; the significance of mothering; the basis of the division between the sexes. A 400-word abstract was due for consideration by February 15, 1979. Attendance will be by preregistration only, which will begin after April 1. Daycare will be provided. Please direct all queries to Jessica Benjamin, The New York Institute for the Humanities at New York University, 19 University Place, New York, New York 10003.

Announcing—A Lesbian History Caucus, concerned with lesbian history and research, was formed during the Fourth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, August 1978, at Mount Holyoke College. The Caucus presented a statement which questioned the conspicuous lack of lesbian content in the panels set up by the conference program committee; challenged the taboos denying recognition of the historical experience of lesbian women; and affirmed that acknowledgment of the existence of a distinct lesbian culture and history threatens the institution of heterosexuality. The statement also urged that a feminist approach to women's history have a greater presence at future Berkshire Conferences. This would include increased consciousness of the realities of class, race, and sexual preference and encourage greater awareness

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International Demonstration for Reproductive Rights–March 31, 1979. The Northeast Coalition for Reproductive Rights–a group of organizations working against abortion cutbacks, sterilization abuse, and other attacks on women's reproductive freedom–is initiating an international day of action on Saturday, March 31, to be held simultaneously in different cities around the country. The call is a response to plans initiated by ICAR–the International Campaign for Abortion Rights, based in London–for similar demonstrations on that day in cities throughout Europe. It represents the first such coordinated international action by the women's movement based on the themes, "Contraception and Abortion Are a Woman's Rights," and "No Forced Sterilization." Demonstrations are currently being planned for Hartford, Boston, and New York City, where the specific demands will be: (1) defeat the Hyde Amendment and restore Medicaid funding for abortions; and (2) enforce HEW regulations to prevent sterilization abuse. Groups or individuals concerned with reproductive issues are urged to join in the coalitions being formed in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, or to form coalitions to organize March 31 demonstrations in your own city or state. For further information, contact: Northeast Coalition for Reproductive Rights, c/o CARASA, Box 124, Cathedral Station, New York, New York 10025; in Boston–Abortion Action Coalition/Committee to End Sterilization Abuse, P.O. Box 2727, Boston, Massachusetts 02208; in Hartford–Committee to End Sterilization Abuse, 67 Ansonia Street, Hartford, Connecticut; in New Haven–Reproductive Freedom Task Force of the Feminist Union, 148 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut; or NAM, 188 Willow Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511..

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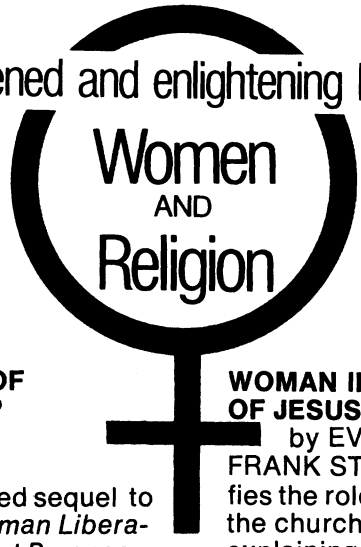

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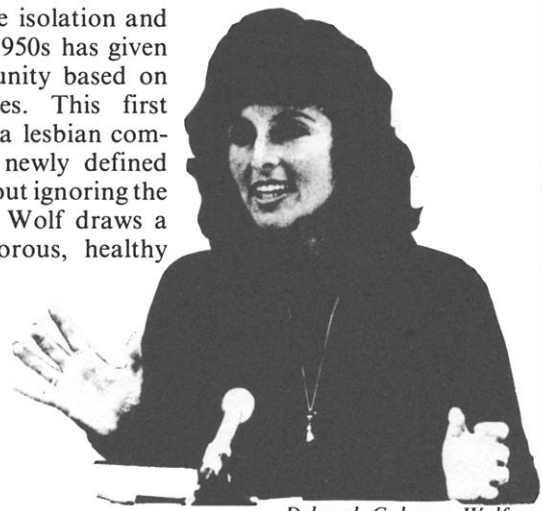

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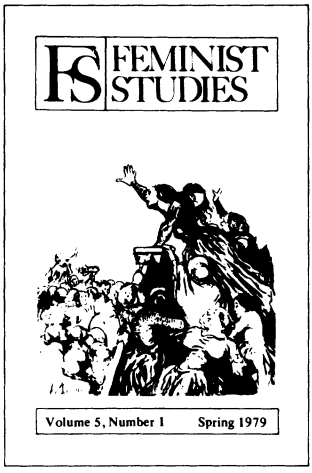

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